



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this notice has been prepared to inform you that the following project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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| Project Name | Applicant | |
| Adoption of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies | Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO) | |
| Project Location | | |
| Unincorporated properties in Santa Clara County | | |
| Project Description | | |
| <p>The project is the adoption of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies.</p> <p>LAFCO's mission is to discourage urban sprawl, preserve open space and prime agricultural lands, promote the efficient provision of government services and encourage the orderly formation of local agencies. LAFCO will consider impacts to agricultural lands along with other factors in its evaluation of proposals. LAFCO's Urban Service Area (USA) Amendment Policies discourage premature conversion of agricultural lands, guide development away from existing agricultural lands and require the development of existing vacant lands within city boundaries prior to conversion of additional agricultural lands. In those cases where LAFCO proposals involve conversion of agricultural lands, LAFCO's USA Amendment Policies require an explanation of why the inclusion of the agricultural lands is necessary and how such loss will be mitigated.</p> <p>The purpose of these policies is to provide guidance to property owners, potential applicants and cities on how to address agricultural mitigation for LAFCO proposals and to provide a framework to LAFCO for evaluating and processing LAFCO proposals that involve or impact agricultural lands in a consistent manner. The policies include LAFCO's recommendation on how mitigation should be provided; variations from these policies should be accompanied by information explaining the adequacy of the proposed mitigation.</p> | | |
| Purpose of Notice | | |
| <p>The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the LAFCO staff has recommended that a Negative Declaration be approved for this project. LAFCO staff has prepared the Initial Study for the project, and based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment.</p> <p>A public hearing for consideration and adoption of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies is tentatively scheduled for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County on April 4, 2007, 1:30 PM in the County Government Center, Isaac Newton Senter, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110.</p> | | |
| Public Review Period: | Begins: March 2, 2007 | Ends: March 31, 2007 |
| <p>Public Comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this negative declaration are invited and must be received on or before the end of the review period listed above. Such comments should be based on specific environmental concerns. Written comments should be addressed to the LAFCO of Santa Clara County, 70 W. Hedding Street, 11th Floor, East Wing, San Jose, CA 95110. Oral comments may be made at the hearing. A file containing additional information on this project may be reviewed at the LAFCO Office. For additional information regarding this project and the Negative Declaration, please contact Dunia Noel at (408) 299-5148.</p> | | |

The Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be viewed at the following locations:

- (1) LAFCO of Santa Clara County, 70 West Hedding Street, 11th Floor, East Wing, San Jose, CA 95110
(2) LAFCO Office Website <http://www.santaclara.lafco.ca.gov/> (under "What's New")

Approved by:

Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer

Neelima Palacherla
Signature

2/28/07
Date

Responsible Agencies sent a copy of this document:

- California State Clearinghouse
- Cities in Santa Clara County
- LAFCO Special Districts
- County of Santa Clara Planning Office
- County of Santa Clara Agricultural Commissioner
- County of Santa Clara Environmental Health Department
- County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department
- County of Santa Clara Parks Department
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

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